

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Utility Application of:  
Eric Abel et al.

Application No.: 10/561,649

Confirmation No.: 7673

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For: RECTAL EXPANDER

Examiner: Brian J. Graham

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL**  
**OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2009, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.